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For: COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING ACCOUNTING AND BILLING OF TRANSACTIONS OVER PUBLIC MEDIA SUCH AS THE

**INTERNET** 

## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.133(b)

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Sir:

An interview between the Examiner and patent agent Eric M. Shelton as well as the undersigned, on September 21, 2006, was undertaken at which time applicants' position that none of the applied prior art teaches the claimed subject matter, including basing qualification verification in part on a minimum credit rating for a user, was presented. The Examiner acknowledged that the claims appear to be patentable on that basis, and would issue a notice of allowance if an extended search did not uncover more material of prior art in that regard.

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